



Sparks will fly

When the Dominion Repertory Theatre debuts its next production

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Fury over flags

A dozen protestors are opposed to flags flying in downtown Ridgeway

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A league of their own

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A small change



Barbara Volzka, from Community Outreach Erie stands next to a collection of pennies the local food bank is hoping to build on. Since starting three weeks ago, \$310 has been raised and a goal of \$10,000 has been set.

Toad talk

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has issued an overall benefit permit for the toad habitat that related to the Crystal Beach Gateway Project.

On Friday, a special council meeting was held to receive a staff report for informational purposes, where council heard the conditions of the permit.

The meeting started with eight delegations, some in favour of the project and some opposed.

The presentations lasted about two hours, even though each speaker was limited to five minutes at the podium with their speeches.

Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts questioned the permit's value and asked if a number of things have been considered by the MNR such as how a re-vestment wall will impact the at-risk Fowler's Toad or what will be done during construction to prevent them.

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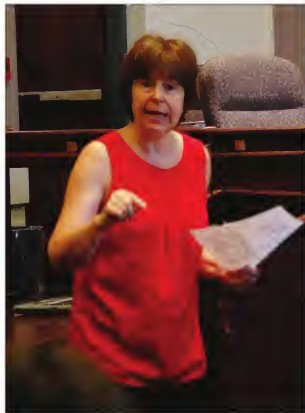
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One of eight delegates at Friday's special council meeting, Maria Janicke, addressing the crowd with her concerns.

Vote not taken before press time

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Director of community development services Rick Brady said the MNR operates with a "network of experts" that have made several site visits to the beach and have calculated all the data needed.

"If they didn't feel there will be a benefit for them, they wouldn't be letting the permit move forward," said Brady.

Interim chief administrative officer Ron Tripp responded to Lubberts question about placing toads on the beach, which he referred to as public property toward Ashwood Avenue.

Tripp explained to Lubberts the entire beach is public and has been since the Town purchased it in 2001.

"The beach is ours and the toads already exist there."

John Mascarin, legal counsel from Aird and Berliss was also in attendance at the meeting. He was asked if the municipality could be taken to court if council decided not to move forward with the permit, the final step in the project.

"The experts have spoken," he said.

"To not accept it at this time, after the minister has considered all the consultation, would lead to potential legal action against the town," said Mascarin.

The final vote was not taken before press time.

The Fort Erie Times will have more next week on this issue.

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Former solicitor enjoying summer at home

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

The Town of Fort Erie's former director of legal services is enjoying her time off, after being fired from her position after a 4-3 vote from council.

In several closed session meetings earlier this year, Heather Salter was the topic of discussion and very little details about her position being on the chopping block were ever disclosed.

All that is known now, is that the former solicitor and the municipality have come to a resolution.

"I'm moving forward," said Salter, when she spoke to the Fort Erie Times on Monday.

She has received a financial settlement but it is not legally able to disclose an amount, or more specific reasons for her termination.

Salter simply explained that she is no longer employed with the Town of Fort Erie, because the majority of council wanted to see her go.

"That was their prerogative and that's what they did," said Salter.

For three months, a handful of meetings were held to work on an agreement and in the end, one was reached.

There has been a wave of concerns posed about this matter within the community and although Salter is not inclined to discuss details, she feels the public has the right to know what unfolded...other than just the explanation that she has received a settlement.

"For the public, that's not particularly reassuring...I know there's a lot of questions."

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This is taxpayers' money and they have an interest when a senior manager is dismissed like that."

— Heather Salter

Now that the process is behind her, she says it is up to elected officials to give further explanation.

"That needs to be pursued at Town Hall. That's where the answers are."

Salter added in her opinion, it is "totally reasonable" for the

community to keep asking for more specific information about the matter.

"This is taxpayers' money and they have an interest when a senior manager is dismissed like that."

For now, Salter will be spending time with her family and will most likely look for new employment in a few months.

"Right now, I'm enjoying the incredible summer we're having," said Salter.

In a press release issued by the municipality on Friday, biographical information about Salter is provided, along with comments from interim chief administrative officer Ron Tripp.

"Through her efforts, the organization has accomplished initiatives that will transform this community in the future. We wish her well in her future endeavours," said Tripp.



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Theatre's second production will ignite excitement in audiences

➤ The Dominion Repertory Theatre presents Sparks by the Campfire from July 28 to Sept. 2

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

Sparks will fly when the Dominion Repertory Theatre premieres its second production.

Written and directed by Sharon Pollock, Sparks from a Campfire tells the story of George—a tourist of historic Old Fort Erie in 2012.

When lightning strikes, he is catapulted back into time to the year 1812.

As shots ring out, he is confronted by a dying man whispering an important but garbled message.

The man begs George to deliver it.

Confused and lost in time, George is surrounded by war while he tries to interpret and discover for whom the message is intended and deliver it. He's soon in danger himself, suspected as a spy, pursued by the militia, and hunted as prey by an unknown figure whose goal is to prevent the delivery of the message.

The sixty-minute outdoor performance will begin each night at dusk at Old Fort Erie, says Vince Marinaccio, executive director of the Dominion Repertory Theatre.

"The fort is an ideal location, especially because the play is celebrating the War of 1812."

Audiences will have the opportunity to watch the play during one of its 27 performances and there's something to entice everyone, says Marinaccio.

"Sparks will have a huge audience—there's

some explosion, there's a little mystery and excitement."

Those who attend the theatre regularly should recognize Pollock, who is considered the first woman of Canadian theatre, says.

"She has 50 years of experience and she has probably written the most plays of any woman in theatre."

Pollock is also a member of the theatre's advisory board, says Marinaccio.

When the idea for the theatre's second production was pre-



From left to right, actors Ray Jacinto, Katerina Georgieva, Rob Brill, and Justin Bath with writer and director Sharon Pollock have been busy preparing for the Dominion Repertory Theatre's upcoming production of Sparks by the Campfire, which will make its debut at Old Fort Erie tonight.

sented to Pollock, she was interested and supportive of it, he adds.

"When we gave Sharon (Pollock) the idea, she loved it and she wrote an outline for the story. We immediately fell in love with it."

Marinaccio says he

knew Sparks by the Camp Fire would be the theatre's second production and one of the Fort Erie 1812 Bicentennial Committee's signature events.

Rehearsals began July 12 and the play's actors

have been kept busy 12 hours a day, six days a week to prepare for opening night.

There are four cast members and three of them play 15 different characters, which will be humorous for the audience to watch, says Marinaccio.

The play will run from July 28 to Sept. 2 at Old Fort Erie.

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Sixth annual Music Fest offers a variety of local talent

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

Fort Erie's annual Music Fest almost wasn't going to happen this summer.

When he heard the 6th annual music festival wouldn't be receiving its funding this year, organizer Lloyd McGuigan thought he would have to consider hosting the event every two years instead of every summer.

Thanks to a partnership with the Fort Erie Arts Council, the free music festival will continue and it will take on a new form, combining local art with local music in the heart of downtown Ridgeway on Aug. 25.

McGuigan says he got the call just a few weeks ago and he has managed to put together a talented lineup that will perform

during the August event.

Bands returning to the festival include Amber Reigns, Katrina Cabana, Penian Raia, Cranked, Last Chance, Jessie Robbins and Peoria.

Artists who will be performing for the first time include Victims of Charity, Bag of Hats, Headshot, Mike James and Dean Malton.

The concert will have a completely different feeling because it's not at its usual location at the waterfront pavilion at Crystal Beach, says McGuigan.

"It will certainly bring an entirely different crowd to the all-day music festival."

Last year, a few thousand people attended the concert over the course of the day. McGuigan says he thinks the new loca-

tion in Ridgeway will draw even bigger crowds.

"It will certainly be bigger because of the location. The pavilion in Crystal Beach is a little more secluded than downtown Ridgeway," he says.

The goal of the event is to highlight not only local music but theatre, dance, literary arts, visual art, media, installation arts and heritage as well.

Part of the proceeds for the event will go toward the music program at Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School, which is why the festival is important, says McGuigan.

The show will begin at 1 p.m., and finish at 1 a.m.

For more information, call (905) 351-9758 or e-mail forteriemusicfest@yahoo.com.

DMI plant officially closing its doors

Alison Langley
QMI Agency

DMI Industries announced Friday it is permanently closing its Fort Erie plant, effective immediately.

The North Dakota-based wind tower manufacturer on Thursday notified Town of Fort Erie officials of its decision to close the plant.

"It's very disappointing but not unexpected," Fort Erie Mayor Doug Martin said Friday.

The facility on Winger Rd. in Stevensville, which was the first fully dedicated wind tower manufac-

turing plant in Ontario when it opened to much fanfare in 2006, had been struggling in recent years.

There were only 10 employees at the site, down from 225 people in 2008. The remaining workers were notified of the closure on Thursday.

Martin blamed the closure on recent changes to the province's Green Energy Act and the opening last year of a rival wind tower manufacturer in Windsor.

A further hindrance to DMI's future, he added, was the announcement last month that TSP Canada Towers Inc. would

be building wind towers in the former Dana Canada building in Thorold.

Officials with DMI could not be reached for comment.

After a round of layoffs in the fall of 2011, company spokeswoman Belinda Forknell told the media it was due to uncertainty surrounding the political support for wind-generated power.

At that time she said the company hoped the layoffs would not be permanent.

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Do You Remember?

Due to last week's misprint, two photos are being presented at once, posing a special challenge to our weekly readers.

Can you identify the people in not one, but two photos from Fort Erie's past?

Last week's photo of the kayakers (top) is first. We have a single clue: the name "Remler" is written on the back.

The second photo (left) is a collage of personnel from Irvin Industries, possibly taken sometime in the

1960s or 70s.

If you knew one of these people as your boss or co-worker, or recognize the kayakers in the first photo, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum 905-894-5322 or email museum@forterietimes.ca.

Fort Erie is filled with passionate people who can teach us so much



Sarah Ferguson
Reporter's Notebook

I've had the pleasure of working in the Fort Erie community for just a little more than a year, and I have enjoyed every single minute of it.

Having grown up in this town, I don't think I appreci-

ated living here as a child or teenager.

It was not until I was given the incredible responsibility of writing and sharing stories each week in the community newspaper that I began to understand this town and how special it is.

Fort Erie is filled with selfless people who believe in helping others—even as the community suffered tremendous losses.

I watched and reported as hundreds of horse trainers, groomers, jockeys and genuinely concerned people who loaded several buses and

made their way to Queen's Park in Toronto to ask Dalton McGuinty to reconsider the decision to close the slots at the Fort Erie Racetrack, and two other facilities in Windsor in Sarnia.

The rally didn't change the decision but it did offer an important lesson to those who saw it unfold.

When the people of Fort Erie fall down, they aren't afraid to pick themselves up and dust off their shoulders.

The event showed the tremendous spirit and pride that many of Fort Erie's residents have for this humble

town.

I've watched as council continues to discuss the contentious Bay Beach condominium development and I've heard many great points, both for and against.

Whether or not citizens agree with what is happening in their community, they are not afraid to speak up about an issue.

No one can argue that the people living here are full of passion—it's reflected in their actions—and the way they speak.

I've also had the good fortune to meet incredible peo-

ple who work for the various service organizations and charities that offer financial and emotional support to those who need it.

These individuals who work day after day dedicating their time to helping others in Fort Erie are a rare group of people.

I've learned there is no shortage of local culture in this town thanks to the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts in Ridgeway, which provides a space for budding musicians and artists to perform or display their work for everyone to see.

Fort Erie even has two of its own theatres—Garrison Little Theatre and the Dominion Repertory Theatre to delight, dazzle and humour audiences with comedy and drama.

I'm sad to say I will be leaving my reporter's desk here at the Fort Erie Times for a position as a reporter for the Welland Tribune.

The experience of working in this community and getting to know its people has taught me so much.

Thank you for sharing your stories.

It has been an honour.

opinion page

Getting back on the trail with nature lover

Dear Editor,

It's time for a new nature- historical adventure. I am heading north out of Fort Erie on the Niagara River Recreational Trail on my electric scooter named the Rambler.

Just out of the town I arrive at Frenchman's Creek. I have explored this creek inland as a youth.

We often pause here on the pedestrian bridge. We are often rewarded by sighting over the years of two large bird species that are related.

Over the years we have seen the Great blue herons here. This large bird here normally see alone.

Both male and female appear to be solitary hunters of fish, frogs, crabs and other prey.

It is our largest North American heron. Think big. From head-to-tail length of up to 54 inches! An amazing wingspan of up to 79 inches. That's almost eight feet! It has a height of up to 54 inches. An impressive bird.

In recent years we have slowed our car as we entered the town from the south and crossed the

bridge.

From late spring on of this year we saw first two Great White Egrets - then five wading in the creek. Finally we saw eight of these magnificent birds in Frenchman's Creek to the west. They are smaller than the Great Blue. Length 41 inches; wingspan up to 67 inches and height 3.3 feet. It has bright yellow bill and black legs. A cousin to the Great Blue but much more gregarious. Look for them.

The late Bert Miller was a consummate naturalist. He was also an informed local historian.

In our many nature hikes with him and my father he told us once about the skirmish at Frenchman's Creek. The historic plaque has been there for a long time.

My research says 1921. Significant?

I think so. It was on November 28, 1812 that an invading American force crossed the Niagara River, its intent was to blow up the bridge over the creek. They intended to stop British reinforcements at Chippewa to find Fort Erie, The Americans failed and were repulsed by Lieutenant-Colonel

Bishop's British contingent.

The plaque concludes, "The failures at Frenchman's Creek contributed in part to the cancellation of the larger American invasion at the end of 1812."

Worth noting, eh? Stop and read the inscription.

Earl Plato Ridgeway

Liberals create fear of the future, says reader

Dear Editor,

July 15 was possibly the final running of the Prince of Wales Stakes race thanks to decisions made by the McGuinty Liberal government.

Our Slots have closed, one of the oldest horse racing tracks in North America is set to close early next year, we will lose about 1,000 jobs directly and indirectly related to these decisions in the Fort Erie area alone.

Why? The Premier believes it

is unfair that taxpayers subsidize the horse racing industry and OLG Slots locations that lose money.

In contrast, Mr. McGuinty believes it is entirely appropriate that we taxpayers pay the legal costs, cancellation fees, etc that the government will incur as a result of HIS decision to cancel the gas fired electrical generating station in Mississauga just before last fall's provincial election. The costs are estimated to be in the neighborhood of about \$200 million.

Let's not forget there is a second plant in Oakville that was canceled several months before that.

The gov't is still negotiating the costs of that decision. However, those costs are estimated to be in the range of another \$200 million. McGuinty made these decisions because residents surrounding these 2 plants did not want them in their neighborhood and he was concerned the existing Liberal members would lose their seats.

Political self-preservation will cost us half a billion dollars by the time

all bills are paid. All this so McGuinty could stay Premier.

It is truly unfortunate that Craitor's seat wasn't considered to be in jeopardy. Maybe the slots would still be here, maybe the racetrack wouldn't be in fear of closing, maybe all those people losing their jobs wouldn't be in fear of their future!

David Till
Fort Erie

The TIMES Asks

Have you attended any 1812 events?



Ana Rodriguez

"Yes, I have. My daughter was in the Grand Parade as a member of the cadets."



Angie Rodriguez

"Yes, I went to see a military tattoo and it was exciting to watch it."



Paul Sawchuk

"Yes, I saw the Grand Parade. I'm excited to see what else is planned for the next three years."



Mark Ferguson

"I've really enjoyed attending all of the 1812 festivities at the Old Fort."

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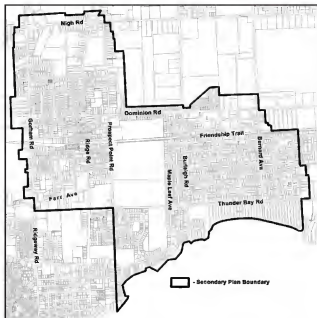
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- Comment on the current Neighbourhood Plan approved in 2009
- Comment on key issues important to existing residents and stakeholders
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Come out and help us shape the future of the Ridgeway/Thunder Bay Neighbourhood for Council's future consideration. For further information please contact:

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Sisters Georgia and Danihea Daybitt took the Fort Erie Times to Varadero, Cuba in June. If you are planning a vacation soon and want to share your experience with the community, take a recent issue with you and email us a photo to kris.dube@sunmedia.ca.

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As a result of cooler temperatures, and increased moisture, the Town of Fort Erie Fire Department has lifted the fire ban on all recreational and open air burning.

Residents are permitted

to once again have recreational back yard fires, and farmers are allowed to conduct open air burning.

As always, approval is conditional to meeting all the regulations set out in

Open Air Burning By-law No. 237-2002.

"We thank you for your co-operation during the ban, ensuring the safety of our firefighters and our residents," said chief Larry Coplen.

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NOTE: The Town of Fort Erie's posts all formal competitive bid opportunities on the Town's Bidding Landing Page www.biddinginfo.com/forterie. Alternatively, tender documents may be obtained on Friday August 3, 2012 from the Community and Development Services Department of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie.

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Historians feel flags in Ridgeway don't tell accurate story

Kris Dubé

Fort Erie Times

A group of local historians are offended by a series of banners that are hanging on Ridge Road.

Rick Doan, Earl Plato and Bob Fretz are not impressed with about 11 flags that were erected by the Ridgeway Business Improvement Association (BIA) and have officially declared the second battle of Ridgeway, saying the illustration on them is not an accurate depiction of the Battle of Ridgeway, but instead is a scene from the Fenian Raids.

Both descendants of the United Empire Loyalists, Doan and Plato say having a Fenian soldier standing proudly over dead Canadian soldiers is not something the community should be celebrating.

"Our relatives fought for what we have today," said Doan, when he and Plato met with the Fort Erie Times last week.

The local historian noticed the flags during the recent Ridgeway Summer Festival and immediately, he was taken back.

"I saw them and said, this looks terrible."

"To have a Fenian soldier standing over dead Canadians, it looks pretty bad," he added.

After a series of emails and communications with BIA representatives, Doan says he hasn't had much luck with having their issues with the flags corrected. Therefore, the group will be taking their concerns to council.

"That will be the last thing we can do," he said.

On July 14, about 12 people who don't agree with the flags on Ridge Road, hit the streets with squirt guns to show their displeasure.

Derrick Dea, chair of the Ridgeway BIA, said he has received emails and phone calls that are supportive of the flags that line the downtown core of Ridgeway.

"It's a non-issue," he said.

"We won the war, but we lost the Battle of Ridgeway," he said. "That was the only battle we lost, and that is why we picked the image. It is the one most relevant."

The image comes from the book Ridgeway: The American Fenian Invasion and the 1866 Battle That

Made Canada, and Dea said the author, Peter Vronsky, was one of the many historians contacted for input.

"There was a lot of deliberation with the BIA on what images to use. It wasn't like we just jumped at it and did it," said Dea.

Doan and a group of about a dozen protestors could be seen two weekends ago, marching down Ridge Rd. with guns in hand.

Not lethal weaponry, though, like the First Battle of Ridgeway featured.

But water guns, with the words "Fenian Flushers" portrayed as their accompanying name.

"We went up and down shooting all the Fenian flags with water," said Doan. "We made sure people saw our protest so they wouldn't take them down."

Dea said he's not afraid of the retaliation.

"The banners are staying, there's no question about that. We aren't changing history for anybody."

Other banners included in the series show the Point Abino Lighthouse, the train station and the Ridgeway Bertie Township Hall.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Rick Doan, left, Earl Plato and Bon Fretz (absent from photo) feel a series of banners in downtown Ridgeway are a poor depiction of local history.

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Every Friday, the Black Creek-Stevensville Lions Club holds a BBQ at Turkstra Lumber in Ridgeway, raising money for the Lions Guide Dog Foundation. In the photo are Ted Watts, Carol Peisch, Derek Thomas, Ruth Watts, Carole-Ann Bourgeois, Ron Walsh and Linda Walsh.



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Local singers wins first annual Fort Erie Karaoke Songfest

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

She's a little bit country and a little bit rock'n'roll. Heidi Joshua is also the winner of the first annual Fort Erie Karaoke Songfest which featured performances from 33 talented singers.

The contest was a two-day event held last weekend highlighting Fort Erie's best amateur and professional singers, says Fred Lamberti, owner of Kelsey's on Garrison Road.

The restaurant owner says karaoke is a popular

attraction at his establishment every Friday night, so organizing a singing competition was a natural fit.

"We held the competition as a way to reward good singers and we thought it was a great way to get people involved in the community."

Singers, ranging from young teens to adults, battled it out on stage and sang their best notes for the chance to win professional recording time.

The competition was whittled down to 15 singers, then five through elimination rounds.

In the final round of the

competition, Joshua wasn't sure if she would win, but she says she was confident her song would be a crowd pleaser.

A panel of three judges agreed—Joshua was the competition's winner, with her version of Don't Go Breaking My Heart.

Joshua says she chose the 1970s song, originally performed by Kiki Dee and Elton John, because it's one of her favourite tunes.

She also performed Aretha Franklin's Natural Woman and Whitney Houston's I Will Always Love You.

Joshua began singing music in her family's



Heidi Joshua

church when she was four years-old.

Joshua says she loves many types of music and doesn't limit herself to singing one genre.

She says her song choices for the competition reflected her diverse tastes in music while giving the audience a taste of her vocal skills.

With a first-place title under her belt, Joshua says she plans to record her own original material.

It won't be the first time Joshua has been in a professional studio, though.

She says she was blessed with the opportunity to record a gospel album which was released in 2009.

The singer says the chance to be able to record in a professional studio again is an amazing opportunity that she is thankful for.

"I plan to do a few cover tunes and a few original pieces I've written."

Joshua says she hopes to give back to the community because she has been so fortunate.

The singer recently performed an Adele tribute concert at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts to benefit Community Out Reach Program Erie. She says she hopes to do a similar tribute show for another artist to benefit COPE once again.

For more information about Joshua, visit www.heidijoshua.com



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'Politics got in the way'

From Page 5

Niagara Falls MPP Kim Craitor, who also received a call from DMI's president, directed blame at the Progressive Conservatives, saying the company was doing fine until "politics got in the way."

During provincial election campaign last fall, the PCs said it would scrap the Green Energy Act's Feed-in Tariff (FIT) program if elected.

"Because of that political atmo-

sphere, orders stopped coming in because of fear," Craitor said.

The company filed for a federal employment work-sharing program grant last fall that would have seen the government pay employees for two days, and the employer pay the remaining three.

DMI was turned down, without an explanation.

Martin said the Fort Erie Economic Development and Tourism Corporation will work with DMI to look for a potential buyer for the plant.

"It is a very attractive facility," he said.

"We'll be working with them to find a new owner or tenant so we can return jobs to the area.



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Q: Will I need Windows 8?

A: Not very likely! Microsoft is soon releasing Ed Smith a new version of their Windows, called 'Windows 8'. It has been designed for touchscreen computers, phones and tablets. However, many PCs do not have touch screens and it's impractical to reach across your keyboard to do it. However, Windows 7 and Windows Vista still supported and Windows XP will end until 2014.

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Ask The Accountant

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Ask a Hair Stylist

Q: What is dandruff?

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Ask a Restaurateur

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The economy is still struggling, industries are leaving, thus this risk of losing their jobs, who by the way, are the ones who are not necessarily paid and who have lost their jobs. I believe that Times Ball is a marketing vehicle, not a restaurant. It is not healthy to debate anything without resolution for such a long period of time while other important matters are left on the backburner.

Restaurants are being affected by the economy and the fact that the industry is not a business. I am a former TOPE approved Board Director on a business improvement association allows me the opportunity to influence the problems and look for solutions and report back to proper authorities to resolve the situation. As the marketing level, anything beyond forward not connecting this one issue is described and/or resolved as a business. Unfortunately, implications there like one issue not being resolved will add another element of negative sentiment in an already struggling local economy and hopefully this issue will be properly and quickly resolved and all the people in the town will be able to move on again. There are only then I can see more on a happy future.



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Helen McCreadie A business plan should always be prepared by the entrepreneur. This process will assist the entrepreneur in achieving goals and keeping on track. The Business Success & Loan Centre Fort Erie (BSL) provides assistance with business plan development.

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Brandon Caruana browses some items at a garage sale for Team Kelsey at the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre in July 14.

Team Kelsey raises big money

On July 14, Team Kelsey held a garage sale, bake sale and much more. All proceeds from this

day went directly to the Children's Playroom at the Ronald McDonald House Hamilton in

Honour of Kelsey Hill, a young girl who lost her battle with cancer in late 2011.

The event raised \$4,400. Organizers would like to thank the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre for use

of the facilities, along with several families who showed their support by attending or donating prizes to be raffled off.

"We couldn't have done it without you," said Lana Hill, Kelsey's mother.

Lubberts provides road allowance information

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts has gone into greater detail about a road allowance he believes exists west of Schooley Road, impeding on the site that the approved Crystal Beach Gateway Project is to be built on.

At a handful of council meetings in the last few months, the councillor for the Crystal Beach area, who has been strongly opposed to the particular development since being elected in 2010, has raised the issue many times.

The rest of council requested to see more information and last week, Lubberts provided it in an email, sent to his colleagues and members of the media.

He includes a number of documents, the first being the Susanna Schooley plan of subdivision.

"I won't go into great detail but this subdivision was registered in 1892 under plan 25 which is now plan 368," wrote Lubberts.

He says the plan is "constantly referred to" on surveys and other documents describing the Bay Beach property.

"You can clearly see that there is a private road along the south side of all



Coun. Don Lubberts ten lots in this plan," he added.

He then refers to the Municipal Act of 1927, saying a by-law is required "to stop up a road allowance made by a Crown Surveyor and also that nothing will take effect until the by-law has been approved by the lieutenant governor in council."

He moves onto bring up the updated Municipal Act of 2001. Although slightly different from the 1927 Act, he says there are similarities.

"There is a slight difference between this version of the Act and the 1927 version of the Act, but a by-law and additional consent is still required to close a highway. In the 1927 version you are required to obtain the consent of the lieutenant-governor in council and in today's version you have to get the consent of the Government of Canada,"

“Now that I have supplied this information, I expect that Town staff will give this council documentation that proves that my information is wrong if they believe that is the case.”

— Don Lubberts

said Lubberts in the email.

He claims there are two road allowances in the area that should have been closed by a by-law. He says one is the Schooley Road allowance which is 50 feet in width and another that is 66-feet wide, west of Schooley Road.

"Now that I have supplied this information, I expect that Town staff will give this council documentation that proves that my information is wrong if they believe that's the case."

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A huge crowd enjoyed an exciting game in which both teams demonstrated why they are atop the standings of the senior league. Starter Cam Hall went the distance, scattering five hits while striking out five Pirate batters to earn the win.

Kris Hodges went one for two at the dish, Matt Pine was also one for two with a solo homer and two walks, while James MacKinnon was also one for two at bat. Shortstop Hodges and catcher Lucas Cummings were solid defensively throughout the game.

For the Pirates right fielder Mike Shuker made 2 outstanding defensive catches one of them reaching over the fence to rob Marcus Perzull of a sure home run. First baseman Geordan Dennahower made a great stab at first base to save two other Cannon runs. Fort Erie now sits alone in first place with a 13-5 record while the Welland team dropped to 12-6.

The Cannons are on the road next week, Monday in Thorold against the Mariners and Wednesday in Welland to take on the (12-6) Welland Chiefs. The Cannons only have two reg-

ular season home games remaining, Wednesday August 6 versus the Welland Chiefs and Wednesday August 15, once again taking on the Bullet Proof Pirates.

The first round of the playoffs begin the following week. The second round will commence after the OBA Provincials which take place Labour Day weekend in Listowel.

All playoff game dates will be published in the Times and shown on the Leisureplex sign board.

On July 15, the Cannons bounced back after a lack lustre losing effort in Merriton Sunday to beat the always tough Rose City Thorns at home on July 18 by a score of 4-3 in eight innings. Gold helmet recipient, catcher Kris Hodges won the game with a walk off two out full count homer in the bottom of the eighth. Starter Cam Hall threw six innings scattering six hits while giving up only one run.

Mike Fowler came on in the seventh and held the visitors hitless in the last one and two-thirds innings to pick up the win.

Nate Walls also hit a solo home run and Adam Fowler batted in Mike DiMarcantonio (2 for 3) in the seventh to send the game into extra innings.



Fort Erie Cannons Nate Walls connects with a pitch during Wednesday's win at Oakes Park.

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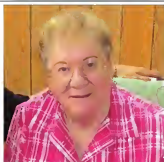
Announcements

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Happy 3rd Birthday Jacob Falardeau

July 27th
Love Mommy, Daddy, Paige and Courtney
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Deaths



CROZIER, JACK - Peacefully at the Welland County General Hospital on Tuesday, July 24th 2012 in his 82nd year. Beloved husband of the late Ellen Crozier. Loving father of Nancy (Steve) Roberts and Linda (Larry) Steckley. Much loved Grandpa of Matthew Roberts, Miranda (Keith) Towseley, Kallee, Kyle and Kallyn Steckley and Grandpa Jack of Lucas Roberts. Dear brother of Stan (Ema) Crozier. Companion of Ivanka Lucchesi. Jack was employed for 39 years with the Canadian National Railway retiring in 1985. The family express their sincere thanks to the nurses at the Welland County General Hospital for their compassionate care of Dad. Private family Funeral Service will be held at the **HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME**, 21 Wintemute Street, Fort Erie. Memorial donations to the Fort Erie Public Library, Centennial Branch would be appreciated by the family. Cards available at the funeral home. On-line condolences www.hammonddavidsonfuneralhome.com

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- The family of Viet Su Tong

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Giovanni "John" Sferazza
January 17, 1929 - July 26, 2011

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Things we feel most deeply
Are the kindest things to say,
My dearest one, I loved you,
In a very special way.
If I could have one lifetime wish
One dream that could come true,
I'd pray to God with all my heart
For yesterday and you.
Love Cheryl and Family



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• With all our love June Walton and family.

In memoriam

Will Mater

January 21, 1984 - July 29th, 2007
Sadly missed and loved as always.
Love Mom & Dad, Vicky and Andy



Will Mater

January 21, 1984 - July 29, 2007
In loving memory of a dear grandson,
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Frank McGowan, left, Peter Benner and Herb Havill are just a few of the local men over 50-years of age who are getting ready for a new league that will start in October. A league for men over 30 years of age has been in full swing for almost 40 years, but this is the first time a division for men, specifically in their senior years, will be offered.

KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

New league says you're never too old

Over 50 hockey league set to hit the ice in October

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

You're never too old to play a game you love.

A men's over 50 hockey league will be hitting the ice for the first time ever in Greater Fort Erie, with the first games scheduled for October.

For almost 40 years, a recreational league for men 30-years-of age and older has been available, but a new bracket will be available for players who may find it a little more difficult to keep up with the pace set by the younger age nucleus of the league.

There are even some skaters

The guys are really encouraged to know this is happening."

—Peter Benner

In the Over 30 Fun League that are over twice the minimum age to lace up with a team.

League organizers Peter Benner and John Lubas say this is an opportunity to level the playing field, with teams consisting of players closer to one another in age. The Over 30 league will still be going and anyone can still compete in it.

"If we move up, it will

improve the calibre of hockey for the younger guys," said Benner.

"It makes sense that everyone can find their own level," he added.

Lubas is also looking forward to making two different calibres of hockey available to men in Greater Fort Erie.

The majority of players hit the ice twice a week for exercise and their love of the game, but there is always some who are very serious about recreational hockey.

"There are some guys that think there is somebody upstairs watching, who might offer them a contract," he laughed.

Both anticipate a positive response from the local adult hockey community and hope registration will get off to a good start.

"The guys are really encouraged to know this is happening," said Benner.

"I have a feeling it's going to be very popular."

Registration for both leagues starts on August 17 and closes September 20. The fee to play is \$400 and can be paid in three installments.

About 40 games will be played in the entire season, starting in October.

For more information, emails can be sent to fe.over30hockey@live.ca and fe.over50hockey@live.ca.

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